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My Love it ~~was~~ sweet when
greeted by you when I opened
my book here Friday Evng.
I kissed the name (my own & be
sure) 3 times & put the book
beside my pillow. I read
the opening Chapter to Hoby
yesterday & we thought it prom-
ised to be very interesting. I will
not scold you for violating our
virtual compact. How can I
having ^{expressed} Confessed to do much?
I think of wd. like this
place & Mrs. Bartlett. She
is a cheer, kind, wholesome lady
& the house is attractive. Today
it rains by fits & starts.
Aplmns drive to Ketchams
is all I shall have to judge
the region by. This was beautiful.
Tomorrow we go to Shelburne.
I have no room engaged there
& am doubtful therefore how

or when it shall be - but
write "Shelburne" & I will in-
quire at P.U. I shall return
unless I much mistake on Sat.
but if I should over it would
be too bad to miss your letter -
or if I should it would come
in time.

I hope Aunt E.⁴ better.
These Autumnal nights should
serve her flagging strength. -
When you come back will it
not be a good thing for her, as
well as for us, to come too for a
few weeks?

There are some delightful
children here. Mainly a family
Loring - by name. & of these especially
two boys - most interestingly different
but both alike in modesty &
simplicity. They are making col-
lections of moths & butterflies.

Also there are some very handsome
young girls - also some dogs
ditto - & 4 pups of + bounding
interest & vivacity. Also - that
I have no time in our rapid transit
to develop all these resources.

but - they may stand as promise
for you or others for another season.
The families now here come up
to this lower Sumner after summer.
In time the pines will grow &
come to their majority - bef. long -
but - others may come.

Miss Grouper has just sent
me in a lot of unrecorded photos.
to look at. They promise delight-
fully. mainly Heteris - & Inger.
She has a list of things published
& sends to Venice now & then for them.
This is an unlooked-for treat.

Spencer Bartlett a brother
of ours owns the farm next
above here on the opposite side
of the road. I think the obstinate
or perverse blood of the family
is trained off thro. him. (Thus
N. W. E. would phrase it). He
is cutting down all the shrubbery
along the river to give a ^{better} view of
it he says. How to stop him in
this work of devastation? It makes
the heart recoil to see this fine
region subjected to such gorilla-
efforts at landscape-gardening.
It is lovely to be awhile as

of old - in daily communion with
our friends & friends - but I look
forward too to next month when
we shall be settled in our home -
& the regularity & peace of daily
work & the comfort & joy of
~~regulating~~ affection shall make
the presence a better altar than
Sion.

The well-sweep is under my
windows - Mr. B. comes to draw
water - The collegian calls out -
See here - I thought you were going
to church - Well - says B. - so I was -
but I can't find any place to stop -
The girl (Mrs. B.) is wanting something
all the time - Well - how can I allow
it - says B. Well says B. buying
at a basket, you see if you can
do better.

What can the Scientists
give us equal to what they
have taken away? God is
such a great word! What can
we do for China & Superstition?
Think always.